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SUMMARY: FIVE PARTY TALKS RESUME AMIDST SPECULATION DEADLOCK. EXPERTS TO MEET AGAIN SEP 21. ALL PARTICIPANTS SAY TALKS TO CONTINUE. END SUMMARY.

1. FIVE PARTY TALKS RESUMED MORNING SEP 11 AFTER MONTH-LONG BREAK, AGAINST BACKGROUND OF TWO DIFFERENT PRESS STORIES AS TO PURPOSE: (1) REUTERS ACCOUNT, ATTRIBUTED TO TURK CYPRIOT SOURCES, THAT MEETING HAD BEEN CALLED TO ALLOW CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERTS DEKLERIS AND ALDIKACTI TO INFORM THEIR PRINCIPALS THAT DEADLOCK REACHED AND THEY UNABLE TO COME UP WITH FORMULA TO RESOLVE DIFFERENCES, AND (2) CLERIDES UPCONFIDENTIAL

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ORIENTED "AGON" STORY THAT ALDIKACTI HAD INTRODUCED NEW ITEMS

GOING BEYOND ORIGINAL TERMS OF REFERENCE, WHICH MEETING OF 5 HAD BEEN CALLED TO DISCUSS (THIS SQUARES WITH CLERIDES ACCOUNT TO AMBASSADOR -- SEE REFTEL).

2. SPEAKING TO REPORTERS, ALL PARTICIPANTS DENIED DEADLOCK, THOUGH

ADMITTING EXPERTS ENCOUNTERING DIFFICULTIES. ACCORDING CLERIDES, EXPERTS NEEDED HAVE TERMS OF REFERENCE CLARIFIED. GREEK EXPERT DEKLERIS SPECIFICALLY STATED DIFFICULTIES UNRELATED ENOSIS ISSUE; SAID QUESTION GUARANTEES CANNOT BE DISCUSSED WITHIN FRAMEWORK CYPRUS TALKS. DENKTASH REITERATED GUARANTEES NOT NEGOTIABLE.

- 3. NEXT MEETING OF EXPERTS DELAYED UNTIL SEP 21 TO ALLOW DEKLERIS RETURN ATHENS FOR "PERSONAL REASONS".
- 4. GREEK AMB LAGACOS TOLD AMBASSADOR SEP 11 THAT THERE NO RPT NO DEADLOCK AND SAID TALKS WOULD CONTINUE. HE EXPRESSED SOME SYMPATHY FOR DENKTASH'S REACTION TO CLERIDES AIRING OF GUARANTEE ISSUE.
- 5. CONFLICTING SOMEWHAT WITH ABOVE ACCOUNT, TURK CYPRIOT PIO TOLD EMBOFF SAME DATE THAT REUTERS STORY BASICALLY CORRECT. TWO EXPERTS HAVE BEEN UNABLE RESOLVE LOCAL AUTONOMY ISSUE AND SEE NO WAY OUT OF IMPASSE. HE SAID TWO EXPERTS WOULD PRESENT SEPARATE INCOMPATIBLE DRAFTS TO FIVE PARTY MEETING. HE DENIED ALDIKACTI HAS INTRODUCED NEW SUBJECTS WHICH GO BEYOND EXPERTS MANDATE. PIO SAID TALKS WOULD CONTINUE BUT DISPARAGED CHANCES FOR MUCH PROGRESS ON CENTRAL ISSUES.

COMMENT: WE STILL CHECKING TO PIN DOWN SPECIFICS TODAYS MEETING. LENGTHY DELAY UNTIL NEXT EXPERTS MEETING MAY SUGGEST EITHERTHAT NEW DEVELOPMENT HAS INTRUDED REQUIRING FURTHER STUDY (I.E. ALDIKACTIS NEW AGENDA ITEMS, AS PER CLERIDES ACCOUNT), OR THAT AGREEMENT REACHED TO SLOW DOWN PACE OF MEETINGS UNTIL NEW GOVERNMENTS INSTALLED ATHENS AND ANKARA. THIS REGARD, MAKARIOS VISIT HAS NOT YET BEEN SCHEDULED BUT LOOKS MORE LIKELY FOR LATTER HALF OCTOBER. DENKTASH, TOO, PLANNING TRAVEL AND HAS SCHEDULED CONSULTATIONS CONFIDENTIAL

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ANKARA DURING REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATIONS AT END OCTOBER. END COMMENT. MC CLOSKEY

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